

**REMARKS**

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants have responded to each notation by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

**Section 103(a) Rejection**

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-2, 5-10, 12-16, 18-22, and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2005/0007969 filed by Hundscheidt et al. ("*Hundscheidt 1*"), U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2005/0176404 filed by Hundscheidt et al. ("*Hundscheidt 2*"), and U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0187926 filed by Karjanlahti ("*Karjanlahti*"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of *Hundscheidt 1*, *Hundscheidt 2*, and *Karjanlahti* proposed by the Examiner fails to disclose, teach, or suggest elements specifically recited in Applicants' claims. For example, the *Hundscheidt 1-Hundscheidt 2-Karjanlahti* combination proposed by the Examiner fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the following recited in amended independent Claim 1:

receive signaling information associated with the communication link,  
the signaling information comprising an access point name (APN) identifying  
the end user;

...

receive a plurality of packets designated for the multicast service  
group from the network element; and

determine the APN correlated to the multicast service group to forward  
the plurality of packets to the end user.

*Karjanlahti* discloses an Access Point Name (APN) that identifies a multicast system to which a group call should be connected:

A set of groups may be identified by means of an Access Point Name (APN).  
The APN determines the external system, e.g. IP multicast router, to which the  
gateway should connect the group call.

(*Karjanlahti*, ¶ 0014, ll. 9-12.)

Moreover, in *Karjanlahti*, the APN is used to register for a group:

A UE [user equipment] registers to a group by using an APN+Group Identifier pair as input parameters, and receives the multicast IP address upon registration (PDP context activation).

(*Karjanlahti*, ¶ 0024, ll. 16-19.) That is, in *Karjanlahti*, the APN identifies a multicast system and is used to register for a group, but does not identify an end user and is not used to forward packets to the end user. Consequently, at a minimum, *Karjanlahti* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the above elements of Claim 1. *Hundscheidt 1* and *Hundscheidt 2* fail to remedy this deficiency.

Thus, the *Hundscheidt 1-Hundscheidt 2-Karjanlahti* combination proposed by the Examiner fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the elements of independent Claim 1. For at least these reasons, independent Claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 103. For analogous reasons, independent Claims 9, 15, and 21 and their respective dependent claims are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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